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GRAPHICS REGISTER
1947-1967

PHOTOGRAPHY IN SUPPORT OF
THE INTELLIGENCE PROCESS

*see OGP 1952
Authority?
Community Services?
Interpretation*

I. Genesis--1947-1949

A. Original Concept of Graphics Register

1. Establishment of a central reference facility to handle
photographs, motion pictures and maps
2. Organization as part of Reference Center

B. Acquisition of Basic Files

C. Development of Files, Coding Systems and Machine Support

II. Expansion--1950-1954

A. Customer Requirements

B. Development of Collection Programs

C. Development of Processing Techniques and Servicing Facilities

D. Phasing Out of OSS Materials

III. Adjustments--1955-1958

A. Impact of Shifting Cold War Emphasis

B. Priority Adjustment and Program Changes (Shift from Strategic
Targeting Programs to Emphasis on Current Intelligence Support.)

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GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

IV. Retrenchment--1959-1966

- A. Increasing Customer Demands Vs Personnel Reductions
- B. Increased Demands for Collateral Support of Overhead Reconnaissance
- C. Continual Emphasis on Current Intelligence
- D. Expanding Film and Television Intelligence Information
- E. Expansion of GR Technical Services to Meet New Requirements